

**Police
CITY OF AUSTIN**

**AGENDA # 19
DATE: 4/20/2006**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Fund, in the amount of \$10,625 for the Austin Faith Community Network to increase youth after-school activities and mentoring.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the amount of \$10,625 from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Fund, for the period of September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007. An cash match of \$31,875 is required and will be proposed in the Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department: Police

For More Information:

Prior Council Action: March 10, 2005, Resolution No. 050310-11

Boards and Commission Action:

This action approves a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of \$10,625 in fifth-year grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Fund for the Austin Faith Community Network to increase youth after-school and mentoring activities. The \$31,875 match will be met by hosting the annual faith-based regional conference. The annual conference provides specialized training to faith-based service providers, showcases faith community efforts, and presents new approaches to providing services and activities for youth in Austin and other cities. Over 301 congregations of all faiths participate in the Austin Faith Community Network and many provide services for youth. These congregations see the need to increase youth activities in the areas of career development, safety and outreach to the elderly to bridge the generation gap. Examples of the activities that will be funded include: increasing youth participation in a large College and Career Fair; a Martin Luther King Day Breakfast Event; and, organizing youth to perform minor home repairs for elderly residents.

The grant period is from September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007. The funding shifts over the five years from 100% grant funded in year 1 and 2; 75% grant funded in year 3. If the grant is funded past three years, cost share is 50% grant funded in year 4; and 25% grant funded in year 5. This grant addresses the Department goal of reducing crime, fear of crime, and improving the quality of life of Austin's residents. It also addresses the following APD Activity Objective: The purpose of Community Partnerships is to establish partnerships and provide collaborative problem solving opportunities, neighborhood services, and education to residents so that together, police and citizens can improve safety, the perception of safety and neighborhood quality of life.

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application for and acceptance of \$10,625 in fifth year grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Fund for the renewal of the Austin Police Department project entitled "Austin Faith Community Network" to increase youth after-school activities and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of State grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$10,625 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug Free School and Communities Act Fund for the renewal of the Austin Police Department project entitled "Austin Faith Community Network"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to providing for the applicable matching funds as required; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for Public Safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, agree to alter or terminate this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council approves the application for and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$10,625

ADOPTED: _____ 2006

ATTEST: _____

**Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk**